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1. [REDACTED] Comment. Investigation of the shipment of petroleum products aboard the SS LEONG BEE, owned by GWEE Au Nua who is probably identical with GUI Aw Noah of the report, indicated that the vessel had been involved in illicit shipments between Singapore and Macao via Thailand. The vessel was chartered by QUEK Chong Poo, 224 Kim Seng Road.

GWEE and QUEK formed a partnership during January 1951. However, in August 1951, when QUEK desired to ship lubrication oil to Bangkok GWEE reportedly wanted no part of the transaction and desired to break the partnership.

QUEK and CHIP Siang had obtained an export permit for 600 drums of lubrication oil for Bangkok only. However, the ship proceeded to Macao in violation of the agreement.

GWEE (GUI) and QUEK purchased the petroleum in small quantity lots and did not order from bona fide dealers. Export licenses for neighboring islands and Bangkok can be legally obtained. In the future, export licenses will probably be issued only by the export-import controller after major oil companies or their authentic representatives countersign and approve the export transaction. However, it is now believed that although major oil companies maintain close check on the sales and end use of their products, it is possible to circumvent the restrictions.

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[REDACTED] Comment. Another report on the LEONG BEE shipment indicated that three ships the LEONG BEE, SOFIA and CHEONG YA were involved. Singapore export licenses for a total of 1,456 drums of lubricating oil and 100 tons of grease were granted to the vessels which were scheduled to proceed to Bangkok only. CHIP Siang procured the SOFIA permit and HENG Huat reportedly was responsible for obtaining the LEONG BEE and possibly the CHEONG YA permit. These individuals were later reported to be identical, and CHIP, alias HUNG, is now reported to be in Bangkok, where he will probably remain as he is aware of the fact that Singapore authorities desire to question him.

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[REDACTED] Comment. Many ships are now loading rubber and copra at Portuguese Timor, and are bound for China via Macao.

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